



New Beginnings: From Hopelessness to Success

The Team Metro Melrose New Beginnings Program provides transitional services to homeless women living in a temporary shelter, which empowers them to enter/reenter the workforce. As a result of this innovative program, the first of its kind in the State of Florida, we have assisted 150 women.

As part of the program, the participants receive a complete physical makeover at a beauty salon - Hair Healers of Miami - and are treated to a haircut, manicure, and given much needed hygiene items. The salon owner and nationally recognized hair stylist, Dania Galarce, opens her salon once a month to make this program a reality. Ms. Galarce along with a few of her stylists, volunteer their time and expertise to help make these ladies glamorous, which helps improve their self-esteem. Once the women have undergone their makeover, a local restaurant, Ayesteran, provides a delicious lunch.

In addition, Team Metro Melrose staff assists the clients with resume writing, job referrals, daycare referrals, clothing, budget tips, and credit counseling classes. Through support services and training we have helped transition program participants from hopelessness to sustainable, wholesome and self-sufficient lives.

Other partners that help make the program possible are: Commercebank, Consumer Credit Counseling Services, Goodwill Industries of South Florida, KIDCO Child Care Center, Jaguey Bakery, and Sedano's Supermarket #23.